

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Brian Hoven, on March 14, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Brian Hoven, Chair (R)
Sen. Nels Swandal, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 345, 3/8/2017; HB 338, 3/9/2017; HB 523, 3/9/2017

Executive Action: HB 157 - Be Tabled

00:00:03 Chairman Hoven

HEARING ON HB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:45 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 338, Revise livestock transportation permit laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:25 Rep. Wylie Galt, HD 30, self

00:03:35 Errol Rice, executive vice president, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:05:05 Chelcie Cargill, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Informational Testimony:

00:06:46 Leslie Doely, administrator, Division of Brands Enforcement, Department of Livestock (DOL)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:12 Sen. Lang

00:07:34 Ms. Doely, DOL

00:08:50 Chairman Hoven

00:09:21 Ms. Cargill, MFBF

00:09:42 Sen. Caferro entered the meeting.

00:09:47 Chairman Hoven

00:09:53 Ms. Cargill

00:10:23 Sen. Lang

00:10:57 Rep. Galt, self

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:36 Rep. Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 345

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:01 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 345, Exclude certain bees from per capita livestock fee.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:11 Cavin Steiger, member, Montana Alfalfa Seed Committee

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:16 Cort Jensen, attorney, Department of Agriculture

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:11 Sen. Swandal

00:15:27 Rep. Custer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:45 Rep. Custer

00:15:59 Sen. Moore entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 523

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:19 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 523, Revise archaeological survey requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:53 Mike Murphy, executive director, Montana Water Resources Association

00:18:48 Levi Ostberg, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union

00:19:33 Errol Rice, executive vice president, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:20:20 Chelcie Cargill, lobbyist, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:34 Sen. Sands

00:21:49 Rep. Knudsen

00:22:11 Sen. Sands

00:22:47 Sen. MacDonald

00:23:13 Rep. Knudsen

00:24:21 Chairman Hoven

00:24:35 Rep. Knudsen

00:24:41 Chairman Hoven

00:24:48 Rep. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:04 Rep. Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 157

00:26:24 **Motion:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 157 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:26:31 Sen. Sands

00:27:22 Chairman Hoven

00:27:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-8 by voice vote with Sen. Osmundson and Sen. Swandal voting aye. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon was excused.

00:28:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Swandal moved that **HB 157 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 10-0 by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Salomon was excused.

Committee Business:

00:28:23 Sen. Moore

00:28:40 Sen. Sands

00:28:48 Sen. Moore

00:30:37 Chairman Hoven

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:30 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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